this benefit alongwith the details of the proposals submitted by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) M/s Frazer-Nash Peerless Auto Limited (FNPAL), imported two Solar Passenger Transport Vehicles-'Solar Baby' in February, 1995 from M/s Frazer-Nash Limited of U.K. for trial purposes on the roads in India. The two vehicles developed some technical problems. FNPAL is making attempts to rectify the defects in the vehicles in consultation with its collaborator in the U.K. Production of Solar Baby cars in India may be started by FNPAL only after the two proto types are rectified and are fully tested and proved in Indian conditions.

(b) The manufacture of bettery operated electric vehicles is being encouraged by the provision of reduced customs and excise duty to meritorious proposals submitted by various parties. Once such vehicles are manufactured, their sale is encouraged by way of granting subsidies under the Battery Operated Vehicles Demonstration Programme, which has been approved for implementation upto the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan Period.

Bid for Ash handling project by Burn Standard Limited

*609. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s. Burn Standard Limited was the lowest bidder for the recent Ash handling project tender of Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB);

(b) whether, in spite of the above, MSEB has not placed this order on M/s. Burn Standard, as the same has been referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) and order has been placed on a private party quoting Rupees 3.5 crores more than M/s. Burn Standard; and

(c) if so, what steps are bieng taken by Government to assure the companies referred to the BIFR that they are not denied of legitimate orders on the basis of techno-commercial competitiveness?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As the suggestion has policy implications applicable to both private and public sector sick companies coming under the purview of BIFR, the matter has been referred to the Ministry of Finance which administers Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provision) Act.

अवेरी में सैन्य स्टेशन की स्थापना हेतु निजी भूमि का अधिग्रहण

*610. श्री महेश्वर सिंह: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या हिमाचल प्रदेश की सरकार ने हिमाचल प्रदेश में कुल्लू जिले में अवेरी में सैन्य स्टेशन की स्थापना हेतु रक्षा मंत्रालय के अनुरोध पर निजी भूमि का अधिग्रहण करने हेतु कार्रवाई आरम्भ कर दी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब से और इस संबंध में की गई कार्रवाई की अद्यतन स्थिति क्या है; और

(ग) गैर-सरकारी भूमि के अधिग्रहण और सरकारी भूमि के हस्तांतरण की प्रक्रिया कब तक पूर्ण होने की संभावना है?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) और (ग) हिमाचल प्रदेश की सरकार ने अवेरी गांव में निजी भूमि का अधिग्रहण करने के लिए भूमि अर्जन अधिनियम की धारा 4 के अंतर्गत 16.11.1994 को प्रारम्भिक अधिसूचना जारी की थी।